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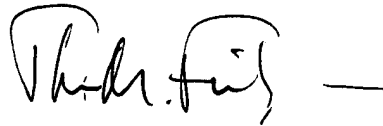
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1. "Visudyne® (verteporfin) Therapy Background"
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Form PTO-1449 and copies of the cited references are enclosed. It is requested that the above references be made of record in this application.

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